and Uttar Pradesh respectively. The YAP Phase-II has been approved in July, 2003 for an estimated costs of Rs. 624 crore. The major item of works under the YAP Phase-II are:

- Rehabilitation of trunk sewers (30.82 km) and works of Sewage Treatment Plants (135 mld new and 324 mld rehabilitation) in Delhi.
- Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (38 mld) and Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines/Rising Mains (85.7 km) in U.P.
- Rehabilitation of Sewer lines (73 km) and improvement in efficiencies of existing Sewage Treatment Plants in Haryana.
- Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for YAP Phase-III.

In addition to the Yamuna Action Plan, the Government of NCT of Delhi has also taken up large scale sewerage and sewage treatment works from its own plan funds .

(c) and (d) As reported by Government of NCT of Delhi, out of 135 urban villages around Delhi, sewerage facilities have been provided in 105 villages. There are about 200 rural villages which do not have sewerage system. In addition, the Delhi Government has prepared an Action Plan for providing the sewerage facilities to 107 urban villages.

Financial assistance to Karnataka under NRCP and NLCP

625. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of the Government of Karnataka for financial assistance under National River Conservation Programme and National Lake Conservation Programme for rejuvenation/reclamation of certain historically and environmentally important rivers and lakes is pending for a long time with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (b) In addition to the ongoing projects in Karnataka under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), the Government of Karnataka has submitted additional proposals for 11 towns namely; Bagalkot, Maddur, Gokak, Baillahongol,

Shahbad, Hospet, Gangawati, Kanakpura, Yadgir, Dandeli, Siraguppa. Due to funds constraints in the X Plan, these proposals could not be considered and the State Government of Karnataka had been informed accordingly.

Under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP), in addition to the earlier sanctioned schemes, the Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals for 7 lakes. Of these, 3 proposals have been approved. In respect of remaining 4 proposals namely; Bellakki tank at Shimoga, Kote Tavarekere lake at Chickmagalore, Tripuranthkeshwar lake and Kundawada lake at Davangere, the State Government has been requested to provide clarification.

Desalination plant in Chennai

626. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether approval for desalination plant in Chennai has been given;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests, after examining the proposals pertaining to setting up of 100 MLD Desalination Plant of M/s Chennai Water Desalination Limited, Chennai submitted by Government of Tamil Nadu, has sought additional clarifications *vide* Ministry's letter of 18.1.2006. The project authorities have not yet submitted the same.

Preservation of waste lands

627.SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that although there are thousands of lakes, ponds, marshes, lagoons, estuaries, backwaters and